Rail accidents

†410. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of accidents have taken place resulting in scores of deaths;

(b) whether Government have pondered over recurrence of such accidents at frequent intervals;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) During the current year 2005-06, up to 31.10.2005, there have been 141* consequential train accidents resulting in 232* deaths and 505* injuries.

(b) to (d) Safety is the prime concern of Indian Railways and the monitoring and review of the safety performance is a continuous exercise. Suitable remedial steps, as warranted, are also undertaken. The Railway Safety Review Committee (RSRC)-1998, in its report made a total of 278 recommendations, of which 240 have been accepted/partially accepted. 167 of these have been already implemented upto October, 2005 and the remaining are at various stages of implementation.

Broad gauge conversion in Tamil Nadu

411. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sourthern Railway administration has urged Government to give priority to broad gauge conversion in Tamil Nadu making out a case and justification; and

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†Original notice of the question was reeeived in Hindi

(*All figures are provisional)